

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/647,666

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the election dated 07/26/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 272-290.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 5-22-06, 9-27-06, 10-10-06, 12-27-06, 7-19-07.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND COMMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the replacement specification paragraph dated December 10, 2003, in line 4, the term "SUPPLY," " has been deleted and replaced with:

--SUPPLY" and issued as Patent Number 6,694,884 on February 24, 2004--
to provide updated information regarding the priority applications.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 291-315 have been CANCELED, as being drawn to the non-elected claims. These claims were non-elected without traverse in the response dated July 26, 2007.

IN THE TITLE:

Please note the title of the invention has been changed by the Examiner to the following to more accurately reflect the claimed invention:

--IDENTIFICATION CARD PRINTER HAVING RIBBON CARTRIDGE WITH
CLEANER ROLLER--

Examiner's Comments

2. The replacement sheets of drawings were received on February 17, 2004 and July 10, 2006. These drawings are approved by the Examiner.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 272, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest an identification card printer having all of the structure as recited, in combination with and particularly including, the printer having a card cleaner roller with a debris collecting surface configured to engage with the debris collecting surface of the cleaner roller in the ribbon cartridge and configured to remove debris from the surface of a card fed along the print path.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. The letter from applicant dated May 18, 2007 has been noted by the Examiner. However, it is not clear to the Examiner as to what is the intended purpose of the letter. In this correspondence, applicant provides a brief discussion of the plurality of parent applications for this application and then states that "Any disclaimer that may have occurred during the prosecution of the afore-mentioned application is hereby expressly

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rescinded. Without limitation, this rescission includes any disclaimers made to avoid prior art, and accordingly, such prior art may need to be revisited.”

First, the Examiner does not have any clear understanding of what applicant is intending by these statements. Second, the Examiner points out that if applicant is intending to request some action in one of the parent applications, a correspondence should be filed in that application and not the present application. Therefore, this letter has been placed in the application file and noted by the Examiner, however, no further action has been taken.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Leslie J. Evanisko** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2161**. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 8:00 am-6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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